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SUBJ: PUBLIC SERVICE STRIKE SET FOR MARCH 10- MAY DISRUPT

AIR TRAVEL

REF: BOGOTA 1150 (NOTAL)

1. COMMITTEE REPRESENTING SEVERAL UNIONS COVERING PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS HAS SET MARCH 10 AS DATE FOR 24 HOUR WORK STOPPAGE TO PROTEST GOC DECISION TO LIMIT 1977 WAGE INCREASE FOR PUBLIC SECTOR TO 18 PERCENT (REFTEL). UNIONS ARGUE THAT 50 TO 60 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED TO COVER COST OF LIVING INCREASES OVER PAST TWO YEARS, AND EXPECTED INCREASE FOR THIS YEAR. COMMITTEE, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF UNIONS REPRESENTING NATION'S TWO DEMOCRATIC FEDERATIONS AND COMMUNIST FEDERATION, ANNOUNCED WORK STOPPAGE WILL BEGIN AT 0600 MARCH 10 UNLESS GOC OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES REVISION OF WAGE INCREASE FIGURE.

2. STOPPAGE IS EXPECTED TO AFFECT SEVERAL FEDERAL

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MINISTRIES, OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES, AND SOME MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING FEDERAL CIVIL AVIATION STAFF. DEPENDING ON DEGREE OF ADHERENCE BY THIS STAFF, NATION'S AIRPORTS COULD BE CLOSED FOR DURATION OF STOPPAGE. TEMPORARY LOSS OF OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES EXPECTED TO HAVE LESS IMPACT ON PUBLIC, BUT COULD EFFECT GOC TAX COLLECTION PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS UNLIKELY GOC WILL REVISE UPWARD THE 18 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE FIGURE, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON PRIVATE SECTOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SEEM TO BE SETTLING AROUND 200 TO 22 PERCENT FIGURE. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD BE ADVISED OF POSSIBILITY THAT COLOMBIAN AIRPORT FACILITIES MAY BE CLOSED MARCH 10.
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